

U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today regarding the opening of the 112th Congress:

**"Welcome to the 112th Congress. While there was much pomp and ceremony this week welcoming all the new members to the House of Representatives, this week belonged to the American people. The American people sent a deafening message on November the 2nd. They wanted to see this national government end this era of borrowing and spending and bailouts and takeovers, and turn our national government back in the direction of fiscal responsibility and limited government.**

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**"I rise today to say in this first week of this new Congress that if House Republicans got the message, we will keep our promises to the American people and more.**

**"If House Republicans got the message, we won't just extend tax rates for a couple of years, we will extend them permanently.**

**"If House Republicans got the message, we won't just find \$100 billion in cuts, we'll find more than \$100 billion in cuts and we'll bring about the kind of long-term reforms that change the size and scope of government.**

**"And if House Republicans got the message, we won't just vote once to repeal ObamaCare, we'll vote to repeal ObamaCare again and again until we consign their government takeover of health care to the ash heap of history where it belongs.**

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**"So welcome to the 112th Congress. To the American people, this is your week."**